

FISCAL NOTE

SB 422 - HB 1479

February 26, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Authorizes the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission to promulgate rules and regulations and to adjust fees for licenses and permits and to establish new licenses and permits as deemed appropriate along with the necessary fees.
- Provides that the percentage increase in total revenue from a license package containing one or more licenses and/or permits, shall not exceed the percent of increase in the average consumer price index as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Requires all fees to be deposited in the Wildlife Resources Fund and to be expended solely for the administration and operation of the agency's programs and responsibilities.
- Requires the commission to report to the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee and the House Conservation and Environment Committee on actions taken on permits, licenses, and fees to be assessed following the promulgation of the proposed rules and regulations.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Exceeds 1,000,000/Over Time/Wildlife Resources Fund

Estimate assumes additional increases in fees, licenses and permits, would result in significant increases in state revenues over time to the Wildlife Resources Fund that may not occur in the absence of the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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